

MARCH 29th



On this day in...

1998: The coldest storm during this El Niño year started on 3/28 and ended on this day. One to three feet of snow fell above 5000 feet, four to eight inches of snow fell above 3000 feet. Ice pellets and hail accumulated to one inch deep in some coastal and foothill areas. Considerable damage to crops was incurred. Serious traffic accidents resulted. Strong storm winds in Orange County were sustained at 30 to 40 mph. Gusts reached 70 mph at Newport Beach and 60 mph at Huntington Beach. Gusts to 60 mph were common in the mountains. Trees were down, power was out, and damage occurred across Orange and San Diego Counties. One illegal immigrant died in Jamul.

1982: An F1 tornado touched down in San Gabriel. The twister was on the ground for about two blocks, during which time it uprooted numerous trees, damaged signs and roofs, and downed power lines.

1879: The high temperature of 99° at San Diego was the highest on record for March. This broke a record that lasted only one day since the previous day reached 95° and had broken the previous March record.